WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4214

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 29, 1993

Application of TLC TRANSPORTATION) Ca SERVICES, INC., for a Certificate) of Authority -- Irregular Route) Operations)

Case No. AP-93-29

By application filed October 6, 1993, TLC Transportation Services, Inc. (TLC or applicant), a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver.

Notice of this application was served on October 8, 1993, in Order No. 4183, and TLC was directed to publish further notice in a newspaper and file an affidavit of publication. TLC complied. The application is unopposed.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

TLC's application includes information regarding, among other things, its corporate status, facilities, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record.

TLC's proposed tariff contains special operations rates for Medicaid passengers. TLC proposes to commence operations in a van seating less than 16 persons.

TLC's president certifies on its behalf that applicant has access to, is familiar with, and will comply with the Compact, the Commission's rules and regulations, and United States Department of Transportation regulations relating to transportation of passengers for hire.

Applicant filed a balance sheet as of August 31, 1993, showing current assets of \$5,520; net fixed assets of \$28,664; current liabilities of \$7,184; long-term liabilities of \$26,000; and equity of \$1,000. Applicant's projected operating statement for the first twelve months of WMATC operations shows WMATC operating income of \$190,000; other operating income of \$21,500; operating expenses of \$164,129; and net income of \$47,371.

At the time TLC's application was filed, Mr. Cedric Poku-Dankwah, a director and shareholder of TLC, was listed in the Commission's records as a past lessor of vehicles to Carrier No. 210, as well as its treasurer and secretary. Order No. 4183 directed TLC to file an affidavit stating that Mr. Poku-Dankwah had terminated all control relationships with Carrier No. 210. TLC complied.

It is certified that neither TLC nor any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with TLC has any control relationship with a carrier other than TLC.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

This case is governed by the Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 7(a), which provides in relevant part that:

. . . the Commission shall issue a certificate to any

qualified applicant . . . if it finds that -
(i) the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform [the] transportation properly, conform to the provisions of this Act, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission; and

(ii) that the transportation is consistent with the public interest.

Based on the evidence in this record, the Commission finds TLC to be fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly and to conform with applicable regulatory requirements. The Commission further finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That TLC Transportation Services, Inc., 2139 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Suite #3E, Washington, DC 20001, is hereby conditionally granted, contingent upon timely compliance with the requirements of this order, authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver.
- 2. That TLC Transportation Services, Inc., is hereby directed to file the following documents with the Commission: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 4203; (b) four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) an equipment list stating the year, make, model, serial number, vehicle number, license plate number (with jurisdiction) and seating capacity of each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (d) evidence of ownership or a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Virginia; and (f) a notarized affidavit of identification of vehicles pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 61, for which purpose WMATC No. 237 is hereby assigned.
- 3. That upon timely compliance with the requirements of the preceding paragraph and acceptance of the documents required by the Commission, Certificate of Authority No. 237 shall be issued to TLC Transportation Services, Inc.

4. That unless TLC Transportation Services, Inc., complies with the requirements of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, or such additional time as the Commission may direct or allow, the grant of authority herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied in its entirety effective upon the expiration of said compliance time.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS DAVENPORT, SCHIFTER, AND SHANNON:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director